

## Weekly Management Report

### May 23, 2014

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# memorandum

**DATE:** May 29, 2014

**TO:** Mark Scott, City Manager

**FROM:** Joy R. Forbes, Community Development Director   
Via: Ruth Davidson-Guerra, Assistant Community Development Director   
By: Mary Hamzoian, Economic Development Manager 

**SUBJECT: INFORMATION REGARDING THE FORMER SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN DOWNTOWN BURBANK**

At the March 4<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting it was requested that staff provide information on the former Downtown Burbank Summer Concert Series sponsored by the Downtown Burbank Partnership (PBID). The Summer Concert Series debuted in 2004 with the commencement of the PBID and ran consecutively for nine years through the summer of 2012. Annually, the production and promotion of the Summer Concert Series cost an average of \$76,450 (Exhibit A).

In 2012, with the impending renewal of the PBID for another five-year term (2014-2018), staff began taking steps to assess the PBID's evolving goals and initiatives. During the renewal process, several meetings were held with merchants and property owners to determine the most viable programs and events for the new five-year term. Staff presented merchants and property owners with a survey requesting their feedback and responses to various questions revolving around the programming and events for Downtown. More specifically the merchants and property owners were asked to rank annual events in order of which they generate sales and awareness for their business. The results (Exhibit B) determined that the Summer Concert Series ranked the lowest of the six events in terms of sales generation and business awareness.

Staff conducted further analysis to determine the viability of the Summer Concert Series and concluded the following:

- The annual concerts generated less than 2,000 attendees during the two month season, compared to the estimated 10,000 attendees per event during the Downtown Burbank Car Classic and the Downtown Burbank Arts Festival.
- The estimated cost for each attendee per concert averaged \$38, while the Downtown Burbank Car Classic averaged \$5.20 per attendee.
- Sales tax reports for the months of July and August (in correlation with the Summer Concert Series) showed no consistent or quantifiable increase in sales

tax revenue for the Downtown that could be associated with the Summer Concert Series.

The foundation for the evolution of programming and events for the PBID was based on merchant and property owner responses to the survey, feedback from individual/community meetings, and from additional analysis. The PBID Board voted to discontinue the Summer Concert Series due to its high costs and low attendance measures when compared to other events. The Board strategically chose events that resulted in a return on investment for Downtown while expanding the existing demographic and visitor base. With the intent of maintaining a new and fresh approach to events and programming, while being mindful of the limited resources and the ongoing goals for the Downtown, the PBID approved the following four annual events: The Downtown Burbank Arts Festival; The Downtown Burbank Car Classic; The Downtown Burbank Oktoberfest; and The Rink in Downtown Burbank.

The purpose of events is to generate awareness and create opportunities for visitors to shop and dine in Downtown. Events help further the PBID's goals of increasing sales and property values while providing a unique experience for visitors and residents. The evolution of event programming for the PBID has proven to be successful with the debut of two new events in 2013: The Downtown Burbank Oktoberfest and The Rink in Downtown Burbank. Both events played a role in creating additional awareness, broadening the demographic of visitors, and generating additional sales for the merchants.

#### **EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit A – Summer Concert Series Expense by Year**

**Exhibit B – 2012 Merchant Survey Response**

## EXHIBIT A

### Summer Concert Series Expense by Year:

| YEAR            | COST                |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2004            | \$85,834.77         |
| 2005            | \$74,587.60         |
| 2006            | \$90,832.63         |
| 2007            | \$78,919.38         |
| 2008            | \$78,874.42         |
| 2009            | \$68,500.20         |
| 2010            | \$69,486.94         |
| 2011            | \$64,394.74         |
| 2012            | \$76,616.31         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>   | <b>\$688,046.99</b> |
| <b>Average:</b> | <b>\$76,450</b>     |

### 2012 Summer Concert Expense Breakdown:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Equipment Rentals  | \$39,139.00        |
| Talent   | \$22,800.00        |
| Marketing and Promotions   | \$3,862.07         |
| Miscellaneous  | \$798.75           |
| Staffing Costs to Produce Event  | \$10,016.49        |
|  |                    |
| <b>Total 2012 Summer Concerts</b>  | <b>\$76,616.31</b> |
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| <b>Average Cost of 2014 Summer Concerts with 2%<sup>1</sup> CPI Increase</b> | <b>\$78,148.63</b> |

<sup>1</sup> April 2014 Consumer Price Index (CPI)

## EXHIBIT B

### 2012 Merchant Survey Response

A 2012 Downtown Burbank merchant and owner survey ranked district events in the order of which they generate sales and/or awareness for businesses:

| Rank: | Event:                                   | Percent: |
|-------|--|----------|
| 1     | Holiday Events                           | 47%      |
| 2     | Taste of Downtown Burbank                | 40%      |
| 3     | Downtown Burbank Car Classic             | 39%      |
| 4     | Downtown Burbank Arts Festival           | 32%      |
| 5     | Howl-O-Ween Celebration                  | 31%      |
| 6     | Come Out & Dance (Summer Concert Series) | 24%      |





# memorandum

**DATE:** May 28, 2014

**TO:** Mark Scott, City Manager

**FROM:** Joy R. Forbes, Community Development Director *JRF*

**SUBJECT:** **BURBANK HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION AND DOWNTOWN  
BURBANK PARTNERSHIP JOINT MEETING – MAY 21, 2014**

- Staff presented updates for the upcoming Downtown Burbank Car Classic scheduled for Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. The event will feature a "Hollywood Block" with cars from Warner Bros. VIP Tours and Peterson Automotive.
- Staff presented the new branding and marketing campaign for Downtown Burbank including the logo, website, and print ad campaign.
- Staff presented highlights from the Downtown Burbank and Burbank Hospitality Association 2013 annual reports.
- Staff presented the June 2014 in-flight US Airways Magazine 20-page feature spread on Burbank. The spread was sponsored by the Burbank Hospitality Association and highlights Burbank's shopping dining, culture, and tourism attributes.
- Barbara Holliday, owner of Flappers Comedy Club, presented information on the First Annual Burbank Comedy Festival, scheduled August 17-23, 2014. The festival is estimated to attract approximately 2,000 visitors to Downtown which will potentially increase hotel room nights. Ms. Holliday will present sponsorship opportunities to both Boards at their next regularly scheduled meetings.
- The Downtown Burbank Partnership and Burbank Hospitality Association agreed to host joint meetings bi-annually.









# memorandum

**DATE:** May 27, 2014

**TO:** Mark Scott, City Manager

**FROM:** Joy R. Forbes, Community Development Director 

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Commission Meeting – May 19, 2014

- The Commission discussed the California High Speed Rail Project and how they could review the project and station alternatives prior to a proposed joint meeting with the City Council in the summer. The Commission requested that the City Manager be invited to provide input due to his experience with high speed rail in Fresno. The Commission identified areas for further discussion and study: traffic; land acquisition; aesthetics/noise; regional and local connectivity; air quality; and blended operations between Burbank and Los Angeles Union Station.
- The Commission discussed the Metrolink Strategic Plan and approved draft comments prepared by Chair Dyson to be compiled into a letter to send to Metrolink.
- Staff reviewed the status of the City's Local Return funds and BurbankBus performance measures, noting that Local Return fund balances were more positive than prior years due to both changes made in service as well as increased Local Return revenues. As part of the discussion staff noted that Councilmember Gabel-Luddy asked staff to conduct research to consider reinstating the senior Metro pass subsidy as part of the budget process; nonetheless the Commission agreed that their prior recommendation to phase-out the City's subsidy of senior Metro passes should stand.
- The Commission discussed the best method to provide all day service on the North Hollywood-Empire Line to connect the Bob Hope Airport to the Metro Red and Orange Lines. The Commission voted to support further study to implement a one-year trial of 20-minute headway, midday service (using two buses) on the North Hollywood-Empire route at a cost of \$180,000 per year. They also recommended the City contact the Airport Authority to request sharing in the funding of this new service.







**SUSTAINABLE BURBANK COMMISSION**  
**May 19, 2014**

**SYNOPSIS OF ITEMS ARE IN BOXES BELOW**

**I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. Public Communication:

None

B. Commission Member Communication:

Ms. Springer, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hardyment, and Ms. Gabel-Luddy reported out on their activities since the last Commission meeting in April.

Mr. Hardyment announced that the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center at the Burbank Airport will have an open house for the public from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

C. Staff Communication:

Ferris Kavar, Recycling Specialist, announced that the Recycle Center will host a free class for Spanish speaking landscapers from 11:00am – 1:30pm on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. The class will be presented by the Department of Pesticide Regulation and the University of California Cooperative Extension and will provide information on irrigation management for water conservation, pest reduction and off-site contamination from pesticide residue.

**II. BURBANK GREEN SPOTLIGHT AWARD PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Mendelsohn introduced Mike Slavich, Director of Sustainability for Warner Brothers. Mr. Slavich provided a presentation highlighting Warner Brothers' sustainability efforts.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The April 21, 2014, minutes were approved by all present.

**IV. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DISCUSSION**

At its April 21, 2014, meeting, the Commissioners agreed to have staff from the City Attorney's office provide an overview of CEQA. The Commission may ask questions and provide feedback.

Mary Riley, Senior Assistant City Attorney, gave a brief general overview of CEQA and how it works based on three steps: 1) projects subject to CEQA, 2) conduct "initial study," and 3) determine the appropriate document – Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Environmental Impact Report.

**V. GREYWATER PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:**

At its April 21, 2014, meeting, the Commissioners requested a presentation on greywater for discussion. Staff from the Community Development Department will provide the Commission with information on the City's greywater requirements. The Commission may ask questions and provide input.

Rick Villalovos, Building Inspection Manager, CDD, gave an overview of the greywater systems allowed per the California Plumbing Code. Sixty percent of the water used in a home can be part of a greywater system. There are three different greywater categories: the clothes washer system, the simple system, and the complex system. Mr. Villalovos gave a brief explanation of each category.

**VI. SB 270 STATEWIDE PLASTIC BAG BAN BILL**

SB 270 (Padilla), a proposed Solid Waste: Single Use Carry-out Bag piece of legislation is moving through the State Legislature's process. The bill's history, its analysis, and the bill itself are attached. The Commission will discuss the bill and consider submitting a letter of support to the State Appropriations Committee on behalf of the Commission.

Ferris Kavar, Recycling Specialist, provided an update on the plastic bag ban legislation and the Commissioners agreed to seek the City Manager's approval for a letter of support to the State Appropriations Committee on behalf of the Commission.

**VII. DISCUSS THE COMMISSION'S FACEBOOK PAGE AND ITS DIRECTION:**

At its December 16, 2013, meeting the Commissioners agreed to have the Youth Board representatives review the Facebook page that the Commissioners developed. The Commission will consider the input and possibly provide direction for the future of its Facebook page.

The Commission agreed to table this item until the July meeting.

**VIII. AD HOC MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:**

At its September 16, 2013, meeting, the Commission agreed to form an ad hoc subcommittee to discuss bicycle issues, public transit, and transportation items as they relate to sustainability in the Burbank community. The ad hoc subcommittee will provide the Commission with an update on the group's progress for discussion and Commission direction.

There were no items to report.

**IX. AD HOC HEALTHY URBAN DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:**

At its October 21, 2013, meeting, the Commission agreed to disband the ad hoc Healthy Living Subcommittee and the ad hoc Urban Design Subcommittee and form the ad hoc Healthy Urban Design Subcommittee to discuss sustainability efforts for urban design and healthy living in the Burbank community. The ad hoc subcommittee will provide the Commission with an update on the group's progress for discussion and Commission direction.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Subcommittee, reported that the Subcommittee would like to review more upcoming projects in their entirety and have the Commission play a larger role in advising the Council on residential and commercial design projects in the City.

Ms. Springer, on behalf of the Subcommittee, reported that the Park, Recreation, and Community Services Board is reviewing the Community Garden project designs provided by students from Woodbury University.

**X. DISCUSS JOINT MEETING WITH TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:**

At its April meeting, the Transportation Commission requested a joint meeting with the Sustainable Burbank Commission to discuss projects of mutual interest. The Commission may discuss placing this item on a future agenda.

The Commissioners agreed to review topics for discussion at a joint meeting with the Transportation Commission. A future meeting date will be decided at an upcoming Sustainable Burbank Commission meeting.

**XI. INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

At the May 14, 2009, Sustainable Burbank Task Force (now the Sustainable Burbank Commission) meeting, those present voted unanimously that members can suggest agenda items and obtain consensus from the group to have the items added to a future agenda.

The Commissioners agreed to include the following items on a future agenda:

- Community Garden Project update
- Sustainability funding overview
- Greywater education and outreach
- Residential and commercial design guidelines
- Review 2035 General Plan
- Public Information Office Facebook policy presentation

**XII. BURBANK GREEN SPOTLIGHT AWARD FOR JUNE 2014:**

The Commission will select one of its members to identify a Burbank Green Spotlight Award winner for March 2014.

Mr. Mendelsohn volunteered to choose the June Green Spotlight recipient.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.







CITY OF BURBANK  
PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
ANNOTATED AGENDA/MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting: Senior Citizen Board**

**Date: 5-28-14**

**Members Present:** Peter McGrath, Bill Anderson, Doug Halter, Forrest Barker, Marva Murphy, Nanci Nadimi

**Members Absent:** Laurie Patterson

**Staff Present:** Judie Wilke, Gaby Flores, Kristen Smith, Angela Attaryan

**Liaisons Present:** Jess Talamantes

| Item Discussed |                                | Summary   | Direction or Action, if any   |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 1              | Senior Board Appointments      | Peter McGrath announced that two new members have been selected to serve the Senior Citizen Board. There is one vacant position that will be filled. Peter McGrath thanked Forrest Barker, Doug Halter and Laurie Patterson for their service and leadership to the Senior Board over the years.  | Recommendation: Receive and File  |
| 2              | City Council Attendance Policy | Kristen Smith discussed the importance of attendance. All member attendance is reported to the City Council, if a member is not present 75% of the time or misses 3 consecutive meetings City Council can make a decision to remove the individual from the Board.  | Recommendation: Receive and File  |
| 3              | Reports                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transportation: No Report</li> <li>2. Senior Legislation: No Report</li> <li>3. Tuttle Center: Kristen Smith announced that there are three computers at Tuttle Center. Two computers are for the public to use and one assigned to staff at the facility. One of the public computers has been recently upgraded and the other two computers will be replaced in the next fiscal year.</li> <li>4. Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults: Peter McGrath announced that Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults is responsible for Older</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transportation: <b>Note and file</b></li> <li>2. Senior Legislation: <b>Note and file</b></li> <li>3. Tuttle Center: <b>Note and file</b></li> <li>4. Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults: <b>Note and file</b></li> </ol> |

**CITY OF BURBANK**  
**PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**ANNOTATED AGENDA/MEETING SUMMARY**

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|   |                     | Americans Recognition Day. A luncheon took place at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion this year and was well received.   |   |
| 4 | Committees & Boards | <p>1. Nutrition: Bill Anderson announced that Senior Games luncheon was well received. Father's Day luncheon will take place on June 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Joslyn Adult Center, McCambridge Park and Tuttle Center.</p> <p>2. House Committee: Bill Anderson announced that there is an improvement with the acoustics in the Community Art room. Braille Support Group meets every Tuesday 9:00-10:45 a.m. at the Joslyn Adult Center.</p> <p>3. Supporters of Senior Services: No Report</p> <p>4. Park, Recreation and Community Services: Gaby Flores announced that there will be a senior focused event that will take place this summer at the Verdugo Aquatic Center, details to follow.</p> | <p>1. Nutrition: <b>Note and file</b></p> <p>2. House Committee: <b>Note and file</b></p> <p>3. Supporters of Senior Services: <b>Note and file</b></p> <p>4. Park, Recreation and Community Services: <b>Note and file</b></p> |
| 5 | Future Agenda Item  |  |   |









**CITY OF BURBANK  
LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 22, 2014

**TO:** Mark Scott, City Manager

**FROM:** Sharon Cohen, Library Services Director

**SUBJECT: Weekly Library Report**

With the end of the school year, the library's weekly Storytime and Toddler Tales go on hiatus during the summer and will resume again in September. This hiatus allows the staff to concentrate on the special Summer Reading Clubs for preschoolers, elementary students and teens. During the **2013-2014** Preschool Storytime season staff offered 8 storytimes each week for 24 weeks for a total of 192 storytimes! Total attendance at these programs was an astounding 9,916! That's a lot of stories, songs and crafts!! A special thank you to all of the Children's Room Staff who invest hours of preparation and unlimited dedication to ensure that our youngest library users are exposed to literacy at an early age!!

An enthusiastic crowd of **96** "beamed" into the Buena Vista Branch community room on Tuesday night to celebrate the release of the book, *These Are The Voyages – The Original Series: Season Two!* which chronicles the filming of the second season of *Star Trek*. The second season premiere episode "Amok Time" was shown to the audience. Then author Marc Cushman, along with actors Vic Mignogna and Larry Nemecek from the online series *Star Trek Continues*, and "Amok Time" guest star Arlene Martel, read production memos from the making of the episode to give attendees a sense of the processes involved in the making of the original *Star Trek* series. Cushman went on to talk about the infamous writing campaign undertaken by the show's fans to save it from cancellation. Martel also spoke about working with the cast and crew during the making of "Amok Time". Jacobs Brown Publishing sold copies of volumes one and two for signing and Martel signed photos from her MANY television appearances.



While surfing the Internet in search of library card ideas, a library staff member happened upon a blog by a local company, **Red 14 Films**, that produces cinematic book trailers. The blog post is from December 18, 2013 and touts the special limited edition Burbank Library card designs that were produced in conjunction with Warner Bros, Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network to "Celebrate the Century." It great to see that so many people have *enjoyed our newest Library Cards!* (Click on <http://cinematicbooktrailers.blogspot.com/2013/12/burbank-californias-public-library.html> to see the complete posting.)

## **Burbank California's Public Library Celebrates 100 Years With Awesome New Library Cards**

Red 14 Films is a company founded with the sole purpose of creating exposure for books on the internet, and thus promoting reading. That's why we love to see new ideas that promote literacy by showing how fun reading can be. The City of Burbank, California, just over the hill from Red 14's Offices, has decided to mark the 100 year anniversary of their public library by creating a bunch of fun new library cards featuring characters from beloved children's shows and images from the city's past. Our personal favorite is the Adventure Time library card that shows the stars of the cartoon, Finn and Jake, curling up with some good books.

The past two weeks have been especially busy ones as library staff are out and about in Burbank schools promoting the upcoming Summer Reading Clubs for elementary, middle and high school students. Staff have spoken at end of year assemblies as well as going from room to room talking up the special programs. Sign-ups for kids and teens begin June 2<sup>nd</sup> online at [www.BurbankLibrary.com](http://www.BurbankLibrary.com). Programs begin the week of June 7<sup>th</sup> and run for 6 weeks.







Important Updates for the Burbank City Council

May 30, 2014

## Public Works Completes 10-Year Sidewalk Repair Program



Council Members Jess Talamantes and Emily Gabel-Luddy joined staff at the Olive Recreation Center to celebrate the completion of the Public Works Department's first complete cycle of its 10-year Sidewalk Repair Program. Since 2004, Public Works has repaired more than one million square feet of uplifted City sidewalk and fixed almost 43,700 linear feet of curb and gutter. More than \$7.5 million in General Funds have supported the program, which has resulted in a noticeable decrease in the amount of sidewalk trip-and-fall claim payments.

## Chief LaChasse Honored

Chief Scott LaChasse was one of four community leaders honored by the Armenian National Committee of America – Burbank (ANCA-B) on May 9, 2014 at its annual fundraising banquet. Chief LaChasse was presented with the William Saroyan Award for Community Activism for his efforts to nurture partnerships in the community and expanding diversity in the Department.



## Weather Channel Tunes into BWP Experts

The Weather Channel will air a new television series next fall called "So You Think You'd Survive" and called upon BWP to provide expert electrical safety information. Andy Harmon, BWP Line Mechanic Supervisor, provided safety instructions on what to do during extreme events such as a downed power line on or near your vehicle. You may recognize Andy from the BWP team that traveled to Long Island, NY to restore power after Hurricane Sandy. Andy also shared cold weather electrical safety information from his experience back east for the Weather Channel's national audience.

## Police/Fire Service Day



The City of Burbank celebrated the annual Police/Fire Service Day on Saturday, May 10, 2014, a special day in recognition of our Fire and Police service personnel. Citizens enjoyed the display of service vehicles (SWAT, K-9, Air Support), a bicycle obstacle course staffed by the Bike Angels (a local group who refurbishes donated bicycles and donates them to local children), free child safety seat checks by the CHP, and animal adoptions by the Burbank Animal Shelter. The day was a huge success for community members who came to enjoy the festivities, support the local Fire and Police departments, and take away some valuable safety information.

## Did You Know?

In 2005, the City's IT department partnered with the downtown property-based business improvement district (PBID) and the Redevelopment Agency to roll out the first Wireless Hotspot in Downtown Burbank. Since then, with the advancements of WiFi technology, the wireless footprint has expanded to include more of the downtown area along with the Metrolink station, the Mall, City Libraries, Parks, PD/Fire Headquarters, ASB, CSB, City Hall and the Paseo. The network is Cloud based and easily expandable as additional funding becomes available. A detailed map of all Wi-Fi locations is available at <http://gis.burbankca.gov> under "Map Catalog".



## BWP Sponsors Providence High School in Solar Cup Competition

Providence High School competed in the Metropolitan Water District annual Solar Cup boat competition the weekend of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Students construct a boat powered by the sun and compete in various events during the gathering at Lake Skinner in Temecula, CA. The Solar Cup event concludes a six month program that applies textbook lessons in math and engineering to hands-on experience. It also promotes stewardship of natural resources, problem solving and team work.

## Beachwood Sewer Force Main Rupture

On April 27, 2014 the Public Works field crew quickly responded to a report of a sewer force main rupture on the 400 block of North Beachwood Drive. Crews assessed the situation, diverted flows away from the Beachwood Pump Station, and initiated cleanup activities. A contract was issued and the contractor mobilized to the site on April 30, 2014 to begin repairs on the ruptured 18-inch sewer force main. Final repairs were made on May 6, 2014 and the pipeline was re-pressurized. The system is back online and street restoration efforts are under way. The majority of the residents expressed that they were very impressed by the City's reaction time and response activities.

## Older Americans Month

At the May 13, 2014 City Council meeting, Mayor Gordon proclaimed May as Older Americans Month. This year's theme is "Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow" focusing on health and injury prevention. In celebration of Old Americans Month, communities across the nation recognize outstanding volunteers as active, productive, and influential members of our communities. This year, Jacques Volpei received the City of Burbank's Older American Volunteer Service Award and Dorothy Murray was the Burbank recipient of the Los Angeles (LA) County Older American Volunteer Award. Both awardees were recognized at the Council Meeting. On May 27, 2014 Dorothy will also be recognized at the 49th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards in LA.

## Burbank Library Receives State Aide

The Burbank Public Library is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of a second grant this year from the California State Library. The first grant received was for \$5,000 to be used to purchase Common Core materials to help support the schools' new Common Core curriculum. This newest grant provides an additional \$2,000 to be used to purchase materials to improve the popular fiction print collections.

Assemblyman Mike Gatto has played an integral part in restoring some of the budget cuts sustained by public libraries over the last decade. Board of Library Trustee member Doris Crutcher and Library Services Director Sharon Cohen recently met with Assemblyman Gatto as part of the *Day in the District*, California Library Association's advocacy effort. Along with 13 other colleagues in the Assembly, Assemblyman Gatto's budget calls for a \$12.8 million restoration for public libraries throughout the state.

## Hydrogen Presentation on Behalf of AQMD

The Air Quality Management District recently invited (AQMD) Assistant Public Works Director Ari Omessi to speak about Hydrogen Station Infrastructure at the Alternative Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo. The City of Burbank owns and operates one of the State's most successful hydrogen stations. Burbank's station operates 24x7, providing fuel for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and has a remarkable "up time" of 99%, far higher than the other stations in Southern California. Ari was requested to speak on behalf of the AQMD because he is considered an expert in the field by his peers and has proven himself to be a leader in the hydrogen vehicle community.

## BPD Honors Volunteers



BPD Command Staff and Community Outreach and Personnel Services staff hosted a luncheon at Bistro Provence for their station volunteers on May 6, 2014. The volunteers contributed 2,300 hours of service last year as they assisted citizens at the front counter, made preparations for the Citizen Academies, conducted investigative support work, and a myriad of tasks that enhance the PD's service to the community. Volunteer June Box was recognized with a lifetime achievement award for her 4,500 hours of service since 2004.